

CITY OF WEST LAFAYETTE
COMMON COUNCIL
PRE-COUNCIL MINUTES
OCTOBER 30, 2014

The Common Council of the City of West Lafayette, Indiana, met in the Multi-Purpose Room at the Morton Community Center on October 30, 2014, at the hour of 4:30 p.m.

Mayor Dennis called the meeting to order and presided.

Present: Bunder, Burch, DeBoer, Hunt, and Thomas.

Absent: Dietrich, Keen

Also present were City Attorney Burns, Clerk-Treasurer Rhodes, Parks Assistant Superintendent Ainsworth, Public Works Director Buck, Facilities Director Clark, Police Chief Dombkowski, Fire Chief Heath, WWTU Director Henderson, Street Commissioner Payne, and Director of Development Poole.

PUBLIC RELATIONS:
2015 Council Schedule

Mayor Dennis asked the Council to review the proposed 2015 Council schedule.

Council members discussed the dates of the meeting the day before Election Day and options for the Pre-Council meeting before the January Council meeting.

Mayor Dennis stated that he will bring those dates up for a voice vote at the Council meeting.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Ordinance No. 11-14 An Ordinance Concerning The Construction Of Additions And Improvements To The Sewage Works Of The City Of West Lafayette, Indiana, The Issuance Of Revenue Bonds To Provide The Cost Thereof, The Collection, Segregation And Distribution Of The Revenues Of Said Sewage Works, The Safeguarding Of The Interests Of The Owners Of Said Revenue Bonds, Other Matters Connected Therewith, Including The Issuance Of Notes In Anticipation Of Bonds, And Repealing Ordinances Inconsistent Herewith (Sponsored by Mayor John R. Dennis)

Mayor Dennis read Ordinance No. 11-14 by title only.

WWTU Director Henderson stated that this ordinance was tabled previously due to the rejection of the single bid for the project that came in above the engineering estimate. He stated that he would like the Council to consider amending this ordinance by substation to change the bonding amount from \$2.2 million to \$2.75 million. This is to accommodate updated engineering estimates for the project. He explained that we are using a guaranteed savings contract (GSC) approach and proposals are due November 17. He noted that if the SRF loan is closed in early December, the interest will be 2.1%, which is lower than when this ordinance was introduced. Director Henderson explained that the project is for work to be done on the older lift stations [Sheraton and Fairway Knolls].

Clerk-Treasurer Rhodes noted that for more background on the project, the Council may refer to the Council minutes of May 5 and June 2.

City Attorney Burns stated that the procedurally the Council can pass an amendment at this meeting, which could provide more public notice for it, or it could all be done at the Council meeting.

Councilor Bunder moved to amend Ordinance No. 11-14 by substitution to reflect the increase in the bond amount.

There was no further discussion.

Clerk-Treasurer Rhodes called the roll call vote:

	AYE	NAY	ABSENT	ABSTAIN
Bunder	✓			
Burch	✓			
DeBoer	✓			
Dietrich			✓	
Hunt	✓			
Keen			✓	
Thomas	✓			

Clerk-Treasurer Rhodes stated that the vote was 5 AYES and 0NAYS.

Mayor Dennis noted that the amended ordinance would be on the agenda for the Council meeting.

There was no further discussion.

NEW BUSINESS:

Resolution No. 19-14 A Resolution To Amend The 2013 And 2014 CDBG Appropriations (Submitted by the Department of Development)

Mayor Dennis read Resolution No. 19-14 by title only.

There was no discussion.

Resolution No. 20-14 A Resolution Requesting The Transfer Of Funds (Prepared by the Clerk-Treasurer)

Mayor Dennis read Resolution No. 20-14 by title only.

Clerk-Treasurer Rhodes stated that this is end of the year budget adjustments based on obligations foreseen through the end of the year. She explained that this includes changes in activities throughout the year as well as the new chart of accounts. She provided details for some of the transfers. In response to a question from Councilor Burch about which buildings the Facilities transfer covers, Clerk-Treasurer Rhodes explained that the Facilities Department is responsible for maintenance of all City buildings except for the Utility and the Street Department.

There was no further discussion.

Resolution No. 21-14 A Resolution Appropriating Insurance Recovery Received For Damage To City Property (Police) (Prepared by the Clerk-Treasurer)

Mayor Dennis read Resolution No. 21-14 by title only.

Councilor Burch asked if the need for this has to do with the officers working 12-hour shifts. She expressed concern for them working those shifts, and asked if they are really tired by the end of the shift.

Police Chief Dombkowski responded that he does not know. He stated that there are a lot of studies and that he was reading a magazine article on it just this morning. He noted that we were the last agency in the County to move to 12-hour shifts. Most of the studies actually come from hospitals for doctors and nurses. He explained that when there is a very skilled or educated work base, you want to keep them at work and reward them with time off in clumps. He stated that he has not noticed any issues, but he does not work them either. He explained that the longest stretch that the officers work a 12-hour shift is three days in a row, every other week. He stated that he has not seen an increase in crashes from when we were on 10-hour shifts to the current 12-hour shifts.

There was no further discussion.

COMMUNICATIONS

► Councilor DeBoer asked that a status report be given at the Council meeting on the hotel that was approved for Tapawingo Drive.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business at this time, Councilor Burch moved for adjournment. Mayor Dennis adjourned the meeting, the time being 4:50 p.m.